
By: **Montgomery County Delegation**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County - "Go Montgomery!" Transportation Fund - Vehicle**
3 **Registration Surcharge**
4 **MC 303-03**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring motor vehicle owners who reside in Montgomery
6 County to pay a certain annual surcharge; establishing the "Go Montgomery!"
7 Transportation Fund for financing certain transportation projects in
8 Montgomery County; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to administer
9 the Fund; requiring that certain revenue be distributed to the Fund; requiring
10 the Administration to distribute the money in the Fund to Montgomery County
11 at certain times; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this
12 Act; and generally relating to requiring motor vehicle owners who reside in
13 Montgomery County to pay a certain annual surcharge to be used for financing
14 transportation projects in Montgomery County.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article - Transportation
17 Section 13-954 and 13-955
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2002 Replacement Volume)

20 BY adding to
21 Article - Transportation
22 Section 13-956
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2002 Replacement Volume)

25 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
26 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1 **Article - Transportation**

2 13-954.

3 (a) In this section, "motor vehicle" means a:

- 4 (1) Class A (passenger) vehicle;
- 5 (2) Class B (for hire) vehicle;
- 6 (3) Class C (funeral and ambulance) vehicle;
- 7 (4) Class D (motorcycle) vehicle;
- 8 (5) Class E (truck) vehicle;
- 9 (6) Class F (tractor) vehicle;
- 10 (7) Class H (school) vehicle;
- 11 (8) Class J (vanpool) vehicle;
- 12 (9) Class M (multipurpose) vehicle;
- 13 (10) Class P (passenger bus) vehicle;
- 14 (11) Class Q (limousine) vehicle; or
- 15 (12) Vehicle within any other class designated by the Administrator.

16 (b) In addition to the registration fee otherwise required by this title, the
17 owner of any motor vehicle registered under this title shall pay [a]:

- 18 (1) A surcharge of \$11 per year for each motor vehicle registered; AND
- 19 (2) IF THE OWNER RESIDES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, AN ADDITIONAL
20 SURCHARGE FOR EACH MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTERED, THE AMOUNT OF WHICH:
 - 21 (I) SHALL BE SET BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF MONTGOMERY
22 COUNTY; AND
 - 23 (II) SHALL NOT EXCEED THE REGISTRATION FEE.

24 13-955.

25 (a) In this section, "Fund" means the Maryland Emergency Medical System
26 Operations Fund.

27 (b) (1) There is a Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund.

28 (2) The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund which is not subject to §
29 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

1 (3) Interest and earnings on the Fund shall be separately accounted for
2 and credited to the Fund, and are not subject to § 6-226(a) of the State Finance and
3 Procurement Article.

4 (c) The Fund consists of:

5 (1) Registration surcharges collected under [§ 13-954] § 13-954(B)(1) of
6 this subtitle; and

7 (2) All funds, including charges for accident scene transports and
8 interhospital transfers of patients, generated by an entity specified in subsection (e)
9 of this section that is a unit of State government.

10 (d) Expenditures from the Fund shall be made pursuant to an appropriation
11 approved by the General Assembly in the annual State budget or by the budget
12 amendment procedure provided under § 7-209 of the State Finance and Procurement
13 Article, provided that any budget amendment shall be submitted to and approved by
14 the Legislative Policy Committee prior to the expenditure or obligation of funds.

15 (e) The money in the Fund shall be used solely for:

16 (1) Medically oriented functions of the Department of State Police,
17 Special Operations Bureau, Aviation Division;

18 (2) The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems;

19 (3) The R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of
20 Maryland Medical System;

21 (4) The Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute;

22 (5) The provision of grants under the Senator William H. Amoss Fire,
23 Rescue, and Ambulance Fund in accordance with the provisions of Article 38A, §§ 45A
24 through 45D of the Code; and

25 (6) The Low Interest Revolving Loan Account under the Volunteer
26 Company Assistance Fund in accordance with the provisions of Article 38A, §§ 46E
27 through 46H of the Code.

28 13-956.

29 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE "GO MONTGOMERY!"
30 TRANSPORTATION FUND.

31 (B) THERE IS A "GO MONTGOMERY!" TRANSPORTATION FUND.

32 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE A DEDICATED SOURCE OF
33 REVENUE TO FINANCE TRANSPORTATION-RELATED PROJECTS IN MONTGOMERY
34 COUNTY, INCLUDING MASS TRANSIT INITIATIVES AND CONSTRUCTION OF
35 HIGHWAYS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE IDENTIFIED IN COUNTY MASTER PLANS,
36 THAT ARE DESIGNED TO:

1 (1) ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND PREVENT GRIDLOCK ON
2 HIGHWAYS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY;

3 (2) OPTIMIZE THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO ASSIST IN THE MONITORING
4 AND REGULATION OF TRAFFIC;

5 (3) IMPROVE AIR QUALITY IN THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN
6 REGION BY MINIMIZING ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH
7 TRANSPORTATION; AND

8 (4) CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY OF
9 A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT IS SAFE, EFFICIENT, AND
10 ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND.

11 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

12 (E) THE FUND CONSISTS OF REGISTRATION SURCHARGES COLLECTED UNDER
13 § 13-954(B)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

14 (F) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE MONEY IN THE FUND TO
15 MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

16 (1) AT MONTHLY INTERVALS; OR

17 (2) AT OTHER APPROPRIATE TIMES AS REASONABLY REQUESTED.

18 (G) MONTGOMERY COUNTY MAY USE PROCEEDS FROM THE FUND FOR
19 FINANCING TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY CONSISTENT
20 WITH THE PURPOSES OF THE FUND SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 10 years and, at the end of
23 September 30, 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
24 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.